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## **Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation**

1. *Marriage. Invalidation of Domestic Partnerships. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Marriage. Exclusive Legal Status for Married Spouses. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

### **MARRIAGE. INVALIDATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Amends the California Constitution to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in California. Amendment bars domestic partnerships from being valid or recognized as legal unions in California.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1146 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0082.

### **MARRIAGE. EXCLUSIVE LEGAL STATUS FOR MARRIED SPOUSES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only a man and a woman in a lawful marriage shall have the legal status of married spouses in California. Makes same-sex marriage unconstitutional.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1147 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0083.

The proponents for both initiatives, Gail Knight, Natalie R. Williams, Mark A. Jansson, and Philip W. Kell, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify each measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for these measures is December 27, 2005. The initiative proponents can be reached in care of Andrew Pugno at 916-608-3065.